BPL families In Rajasthan

1216. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Below Poverty Line families in Rajasthan have been identified for the coverage under the Antyodaya Scheme;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof;

(c) whether a study has been conducted to know the purchasing powers of these families; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent diversion of Antyodaya foodgrains to black markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of district-wise families identified under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) as reported by the State Government of Rajasthan is given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) No, Sir. guidelines on identificaiton of beneficiaries and implementation of AAY have been issued to the State Government. The States have been asked to finalise the list of Antyodaya beneficiaries in the Gram Sabhas.

In order to streamline the functioning of the Public Distribution System (including the Antyodaya Anna Yojana) and make it more accountable and effective, Government of India has issued the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 on 31.8.2001. The Order contains detailed provisions on identification of beneficiaries, issue of ration cards, licensing of Fair Price Shops, distribution arrangements and monitoring. Under clause 6(4) of the Order, relating to distribution, any authority or person diverting foodgrains shall be liable for punishment. An offence committed in violation of the provisions of this Order shall invoke criminal liability under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act.

Statement

Details of District-wise Antyodaya families Identified in Rajasthan

S.No.	Name of the District	No. of Antyodaya Families
1.	Ajmer	11158
2.	Alwar	13473
3.	Banswara	27613
4.	Baran	8183
5.	Barmer	13459
6.	Bharatpur	8740
7.	Bhilwara	17882
8.	Bikaner	9995
9.	Bundi	8057
10.	Chittorgarh	22542 '
11.	Churu	13371
12.	Dausa	7110
13.	Dholpur	5989
14.	Dungarpur	21326
15.	Ganganagar	7576
16.	Hanumangarh	8132
17.	Jaipur	12208
18.	Jaisalmer	3483
19.	Jalor	11201
20.	Jhalawar	9687
21.	Jhunjhunu	5648
22.	Jodhpur	6902
23.	Karoli	11059
24.	Kota	8004
25.	Nagaur	10470
26.	Pali	11180
27.	Rajsamand	9737
28.	Sikar	5854
29.	Sirohi	6389
30.	S. Madhopur	9313
31.	Tonk	10358
32.	Udaipur	36502
	TOTAL	372601